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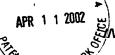
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FOR A VEHICLE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

[X] Preliminary Amendment (2 pages).

[X] The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended		Previously Paid For		Extra Claims Present		Rate		Additional Claims Fee
Total Claims:	36	_	38	=	0	×	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independents:	4	_	4	=	0	×	\$84.00	=	\$0.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims: + \$280.00						==	\$0.00		
CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:							=	\$0.00	

Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$110.00	\$0.00
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Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$1,960.00	\$0.00
EXTENSION	N FEE TOTAL:	\$0.00
CLAIMS AND EXTENSION	N FEE TOTAL:	\$0.00
Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract	½ of above):	\$0.00
	TOTAL FEE:	\$0.00
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Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Applicant requests that the amendments presented in this Preliminary Amendment be made prior to the examination of the Application.

Please amend the Application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel dependent Claims 16 and 17 without prejudice to further prosecution on the merits.

REMARKS

The Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments presented in this Preliminary Amendment be made prior to examination of the Application.

On entry of this Preliminary Amendment, Claims 1-15 and 18-38 will be pending in this Application.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of this Application.

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